

THIS MONTH

HALIBUT ELECTRONICS

Presented by Mark Smith, N6MTS

Halibut offers audio interconnection products for radios like the Contest Console, offers the HHI and champions the Open Headset Interconnect Standard (ohis.org). The Contest Console enables headsets to share radio audio, share PTT and intercom. This enables a wonderful experience for casual contesting, Field Day, guest operating and mentoring (elmering).

Mark Smith, N6MTS, was first licensed as KD6JTS in 1992. While IT was his career for 30 years, audio electronics, microcontrollers, and software have always been his passion and hobby. In 2021, after 7 years as a senior engineer in Information Security, Mark decided that it would be less stressful to start an electronics business during a global semiconductor shortage, and Halibut Electronics was born. He's also a somewhat regular host on the Ham Radio Workbench bi-weekly podcast.

Friday February 20, 2026 7pm
Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane Lafayette
License Testing 5:30pm

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Christopher Williams, KJ5GEW
NASA Astronaut

The meeting will also be held virtually, via the Zoom video system. The meeting access ID and password will be distributed via groups.io email announcement.



We have many accomplished and experienced club members. After all, we are an ARRL Special Service Club! The club is looking for amateur radio or communications topics that you or someone you know could present at a future club meeting.

An alternative might be several short presentations on different topics made by multiple persons.

Please direct your suggestions to info@mdarc.org.

Your contribution is vital for the continued success of MDARC. We are eager to hear from you!

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE FREE CLUB E-MAIL GROUP AT:

<https://groups.io/g/MDARC>

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President's Message



MDARC Family,

Today is Tuesday evening and like many Tuesdays, I and several others meet at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church (CVPC) to conduct one of MDARC's License Courses. Tonight is the continuation of the 8-week Technician License Course that will be followed by an opportunity to take the Technician License test.

What does MDARC charge for these courses? \$75, \$50, \$25, \$15. Have to admit that this is a great deal.

Besides the students who sign up for these Courses, we have several regular MDARC members who are also in attendance. Just a reminder that we offer all three classes of amateur radio licenses, although the Amateur Extra license course is offered every other year. So, the next time we will be offering that course will be in late 2027.

We are fortunate that Larry Loomer, KI6LNB is a member of Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church and the church has allowed us the rent-free use of very nice facilities. This is a tremendous savings for the MDARC because if we were to pay rent as being charged at similar venues, we probably could not afford it.

Ever wonder which MDARC members serve as Presenters and Support Personnel for these courses? Here is a list and if you see them, be sure to thank them because without their continued service, MDARC's license courses would likely not exist. I cannot speak from a lot of experience with other clubs, but I believe MDARC has one of the consistently best license courses that are offered year after year.

Presenters
Barbara Whyson, K6WHY
Brian Lotter, KM6NGS
Dick Wade, WM6G
Jim Blodgett, KI6JB
Kristen McIntyre, K6WX
Larry Loomer, KI6LNB
Lauren Styles, WA6CIE
Michelle Paquette, AA6MP
Mike Patterson, N6JGA
Mike Warren, W6MEW
Trevor Hall, WA6JAU

Support Personnel	Role
Benjo Sevilla, KA6BJS	Technical Support
Bruce Alcorn, KK6SQM	Equipment Assistant
Dick Wade, WM6G	Course Administrator (retired)
Grant Bowman, K6CBK	Technical Support
John Kearney, KM6ZJT	Course Administrator
John Rio, N6RIO	Virtual Administrator
Marilyn Warren	Attendance Roster
Mike Warren, W6MEW	Assistant Core Team Lead/ In-class, Virtual Administrator
Trevor Hall, WA6JAU	Virtual Administrator

This picture shows the in-class view of the course with other students attending virtually via Zoom.



As many of you know, the MDARC Board decided several years ago to no longer hold an annual auction. Some of the reasons come to mind:

Much of the gear was not serviceable and could be classified as **JUNK.**

Planning and executing the event took a lot of effort.

Several key people were no longer available to spearhead the endeavor.

The amount of work involved yielded very little income for MDARC.

But the auction did serve a useful purpose by providing a way for Club members and others to repurpose equipment they no longer were using and in some cases, make a bit of money. So, at the time it made sense for Club members to willingly store donated equipment until the auction. Understandably, that willingness disappeared when there was no longer a means to move the equipment. None of us have unlimited storage

Occasionally the Board gets asked to accept donated equipment from the spouse of a Silent Key or a member who just wants to clean out his shack. Let's face it, there will become a time when all of us will need at some point in our ham radio life to pass on equipment to others. The Board acknowledges the need to be able to accommodate these offers but has been very hesitant to do so. Because of the Board's concern, this topic came up at the December Board Meeting under New Business. The result of that discussion is shown in the Minutes:

"How do we handle an equipment donation from a club member: After much discussion, Mike W6MEW, seconded by Brian KM6NGS, proposed a motion that acceptance of equipment donations will be at the discretion of the board and no receipts for donations will be issued. The motion was carried unanimously."

So, as you can see, there are times when the MDARC Board will accept donations, but only after careful consideration.

But I recently made an executive decision to accept some really nice equipment from Sheldon Lawrence, KI6ATA, who needed to downsize his amateur radio gear. Because of his generosity, there will be several opportunities for this equipment:

Available in the MDARC Radio Lending Library for members to borrow.

Equipment we can offer to those attending the General Membership Meetings in person.

Potential door prizes to those attending in person at MDARC's Licensing Courses.

Other options are possible...make a suggestion.

Thank you, Sheldon, for making this possible. **73, Larry Bradley, KK6QPE**

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Membership Renewal (Jan 1- Dec 31)

Date: _____ Call (or SWL): _____ License Class: ☐ E ☐ A ☐ G ☐ T ☐ N
Name: _____ Nickname: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____
Your E-mail: _____
Spouse or Partner's Name: _____ Spouse or Partner's Call (or SWL): _____
Spouse or Partner's Unique E-mail: _____

Circle any phone numbers or e-mail address above that you do NOT want listed in the club roster.
Please note, we take care to ensure that member information is never used for non-club or commercial purposes.

Note: You may add a maximum of 3 Family Members at the same address. Attach page with details for this.

Additional Information

- Membership Card: If you would like to have a new membership card mailed to you please send a SASE to the Membership Chair, Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 23222, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523-0222
- Are you an ARRL member? This is important to maintain MDARC's Special Service Club status with ARRL.
☐ ARRL Member ☐ ARRL Life Member

Gift Membership

If you would like to give this membership as a gift to someone else, please fill in the above personal information with the recipient's information; and the below with your own information. In the instructions, please tell us when we may advise the recipient of his/her membership, and if you want this to be anonymous.

Gift-giver's Name: _____ Gift-giver's Callsign (if any) _____

Gift-giver's contact information (e-mail or phone no.): _____

Instructions: _____ ☐ Anonymous

Fees

MDARC DUES for Individual or Family membership at the same address: This includes the electronic Carrier newsletter emailed monthly	\$45.00	\$
Student membership: (Full-time student, 24yr old max) This includes the electronic Carrier newsletter emailed monthly	\$15.00	\$
Carrier Newsletter: Optional <u>Paper</u> Copies & Mailing – Additional cost for <u>paper</u> copies and monthly mailing. It does NOT include the Directory – contact Membership.	\$18.00	\$
Repeater Support Donation – Help us keep your repeaters on the air with \$5 to \$50?		\$
Total:		\$

Please make your check payable to MDARC and mail to:

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PLEASANT HILL, CA 94523-0222

MDARC Telephone: 925-288-1730
INFO@MDARC.ORG

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Or Renew at below link:

<https://www.mdarc.org/about-us/joinrenewupdate>

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ANNUAL BUDGET OF CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSES

2026 MDARC & PACIFICON BUDGET SUMMAR	MDARC	PACIFICON	TOTAL
REVENUE	17050.00	80000.00	97050.00
EXPENSES	28736.00	74010.00	102746.00
NET	(11686.00)	5990.00	(5696.00)

Published as required by Club Bylaws Article II, Section 4, paragraph 5

\$\$ Donations \$\$

Donations by MDARC members and non-member supporters and by Pacificon enthusiasts are an important source of income for MDARC. Donations we receive support our Mt. Diablo repeaters, our MDARC operating expenses, license testing for candidates, and a number of Pacificon activities and operating expenses. We gratefully appreciate our generous donors!

Anyone who donated in 2025, any amount (even \$5!), and who wants a receipt for their taxes, please send a request to treasurer@mdarc.org.



Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club License Testing Dates/Locations

2026

2/20 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

MDARC will hold a license testing session on Feb. 20 at 5:30 PM, before the membership meeting, at our club's meeting site, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

This is a walk-in session – no reservation necessary. All three license levels are available for testing. Volunteer examiners are standing by for immediate testing.

Your test score is available immediately upon completion of your test. You may take all three tests at one sitting if you would like to do so. Bring your driver's license, or two school-related forms of identification, and the \$15 testing fee. If you choose to use a calculator, you must demonstrate that the memory is empty. Study Well.

3/03 Class: 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton (Concord)

3/20 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

4/17 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

5/15 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

5/26 Class: 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton (Concord)

6/19 Field Day Olympic High School, 2730 Salvio Street, Concord

6/27 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

7/17 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

8/11 Class: 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton (Concord)

8/21 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

9/18 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

10/17, 10/18 Pacificon: 2600 Bishop Drive, San Ramon

11/20 Club Meeting: 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette

12/19 1578 Kirker Pass Road, Clayton (Concord)

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS – 2026

Livermore Half Marathon - Running Race **Confirmed**

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Running Race from-to Downtown Livermore

Radio Coordinator: George Moorhead, KG6GEM [<kg6wui1@comcast.net>](mailto:kg6wui1@comcast.net)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-livermore>

ORCA-Oakland Marathon - Running Race **Confirmed**

Sunday, March 23, 2026

Running Race in Downtown Oakland

Radio Coordinator: Mike Pompa, KB6MP [<mpompa@gmail.com>](mailto:mpompa@gmail.com)

<https://www.wv6or.com/oakland-marathon-signup>

MDARC-Diablo Trails Challenge - Running Race **Confirmed**

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Running Race from Castle Rock Park, Walnut Creek **Shirt size and lunch**

Radio Coordinator: Larry Loomer, KI6LNB [<larylloomer@yahoo.com>](mailto:larylloomer@yahoo.com)

Brazen Racing <https://brazenracing.com/diablotrailschallenge>

Cinderella Bike Ride - in Livermore **Confirmed**

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Ladies' Bike Ride around Livermore

Radio Coordinator: George Moorhead, KG6GEM [<kg6wui1@comcast.net>](mailto:kg6wui1@comcast.net)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-cinderella1>

MDARC-Berkeley Hills Road Race **Confirmed**

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Bike ride in the East Bay Hills

Radio Coordinator: Mark Walsh, KM6XU [<mark@km6xu.com>](mailto:mark@km6xu.com)

https://www.berkeleybike.org/?page_id=474

MDARC-MS Walk **Confirmed**

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Walk in Heather Farm Park in Walnut Creek

MDARC Radio Coordinator Needed for this Event.

Devil Mountain Run **Confirmed**

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Running race in Danville

Radio Coordinator: George Moorhead, KG6GEM [<kg6wui1@comcast.net>](mailto:kg6wui1@comcast.net)

Sign Up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0844AEAD28A6FA7-devil1>

To sign up for a MDARC public service event, go to <https://www.mdarc.org/public-service>

Go down to the Volunteer Registration Form and enter your Information for each event.

To volunteer for events from other clubs, hit the sign up link listed in the event notice.

73, Larry Loomer, KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator

Novice Rig Roundup 2026 will be held 0000 UTC March 7, 2026 to 23:59 UTC March 15, 2026 23:59

Novice Rig Roundup (NRR) is an annual 9-day operating event celebrating the old Novice type equipment, and operating restrictions, of over 50 years ago. Each March we put our nostalgic stations on the air to make contacts with each other, and anyone else that cares to join in. NRR is focused on the days of 75 watts input at the plate with crystal controlled HF transmitters - however, ALL stations are welcome.

More information at:
<https://novicerigroundup.org/>



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Mount Diablo's North Peak and watch the over the air repeater signal on
your video monitor**

**Please contact Will Roberts at ka3vdt@gmail.com or visit
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- Narrow Band SDR & Direct Sampling SDR • Crystal Roofing Filters Phenomenal Multi-Signal Receiving Characteristics • Unparalleled - 70dB Maximum Attenuation VC-Tune • 15 Separate (HAM 10 + GEN 5) Powerful Band Pass Filters • New Generation Scope Displays 3-Dimensional Spectrum Stream

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- Dual Receivers Allowing (V+V, U+U, V+U, U+V) Operation • 55W VHF & 50W UHF • Heavy Duty Heat Sink w/Funnel Air Convection Conductor • Front & Main Body Speaker for 6W High Quality Audio



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FTX-1 Optima | HF/50/144/430MHz All Mode SDR Xcvr

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FTX-1 Field | HF/50/144/430MHz All Mode SDR Xcvr

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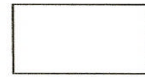
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W6CX Nets

M-F 5:42 am Morning Muster 147.060+ 224.780- 441.325+

M-F 6:10am Commuter Net 147.060+ 224.780- 441.325+

Monday 8:00 pm SATERN Net 147.060+

Tuesday 7:30 pm Fat City 10 meter USB/CW Net 28.420 MHz

Tuesday 8:00pm Digital Practice Net 147.060+ 224.78- 441.325+

Wednesday 6:00pm American Legion Veteran's Net 147.060+

Wednesday 7:00 pm SKYWARN Net 147.060+

Wednesday 8:00pm Delta Amateur Radio Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 7:30 pm MDARC Club Net 147.060+

Thursday 8:00 pm Digital Amateur Television Net 147.060+

Contra Costa County Emergency Communications Nets Every Thursday

6:30 pm HF Countywide 3.893 MHz LSB

6:45 pm West County 145.110-- (82.5 PL)

7:00 pm Central County 145.680 Simplex

7:00 pm East County 146.535 Simplex

7:00 pm South County 147.480 Simplex

7:20 pm Countywide 145.490-- (107.2 PL)

or 147.735-- (107.2 PL)

or 145.410-- (107.2 PL)

Concord Auxiliary Radio Emergency Service (CARES) Wednesday 8:00pm 147.405 Simplex

Club Voice Repeaters (FM unless otherwise noted)

147.060 MHz + / PL 100Hz

224.780 MHz - / PL 77Hz 441.325 MHz + / PL 100Hz

EchoLink: W6CX-R /133896, IRLP: 3057

DMR Repeater 144.925 offset plus 2.5 MHz color code 1

D-STAR 145.000 offset plus 2.5 MHz

<https://w6cx.dstargateway.org/>

Digital Amateur Television Repeater

Digital ATV Output: 1244.500

Digital ATV Inputs: 1292.500, 1273.0, 917.0, 430.0

Analog ATV Input: 1270.000 FM (PL 192.8)

February 2026 and March 2026 Club Calendar

**Friday February 20, 2026 7:00pm MDARC General Meeting - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette**

Monday March 2, 2026 6:30pm MDARC Board of Directors Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Saturday March 7, 2026 8:00am MDARC Technical Committee Meeting - VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

**Friday March 20, 2026 7:00pm MDARC General Meeting - Our Saviors Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette**

APPENDIX

CONTAINS



Meeting
Minutes

MDARC Board of Directors Meeting December 1, 2025

Held at Zoom online

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Larry Bradley KK6QPE after it was determined that there was a quorum for conducting Club business.

2. Roll Call: Attendees via Zoom screen shots:

Officers: Larry Bradley KK6QPE, President; Michael Papp WB6GJE, Vice President; Brian Lotter KM6NGS, Secretary; Barbara Whysong K6WHY, Treasurer; Larry Loomer KI6LNB; Mark Fehlig WA6NGC, Director at Large; Mike Warren W6MEW, Director at Large; Trevor Hall WA6JAU, Director at Large.

Committee Chairs/Coordinator: Jan Kulisek KM6NFC; Julie Mah WJ8MAH; Jim Tittle K6SOE.

Guests: Mike Patterson N6JGA; Margaret Campos AJ6LP; Mark Cloud W6SXA; John Kearny KM6ZJT; Dr. Antonis Papatsaras AA6PP; Dave WA6UHA.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Mike W6MEW, seconded by Barb K6WHY, proposed a motion to approve the November Board of Directors Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Adopt Tonight's Agenda: The agenda was adopted since no objections were heard.

5. Officer reports:

- a. President Larry Bradley KK6QPE – Stated that he has had some time to do some HF work while in Oregon.
- b. Vice-President Michael Papp WB6GJE – Reported that he has been working with Mark Cloud W6SXA on speakers for future General Meetings. Barb thanked him for finding all the speakers for this year.
- c. Secretary Brian Lotter KM6NGS – Had no report
- d. Treasurer Barbara Whysong K6WHY – Barbara had no report since banking info is not available to her so early in each month.

6. Emergency Coordinator Report: Larry KI6LNB had no report.

7. Directors at large reports:

Mike Warren W6MEW – Had no report.

Trevor Hall WA6JAU – Had no report.

Mark Fehlig WA6NGC – Had no report and was thanked for his input, during his tenure, since this is his last Board Meeting as Director at Large.

Cal Vasquez K6VT – Had no report.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Auction: No report was expected.
- b. Communications Trailer: Mike W6MEW had nothing new to report.
- c. Digital Media: Grant Bowman K6CBK had no report.
- f. Education and Training: Larry KK6QPE reported that we are ready for the upcoming Technician class.
- g. Election Committee: Larry KK6QPE stated that officers for 2026 will be discussed under 10.1 below.
- h. Holiday Banquet: This has been changed to a Holiday Potluck which will be held at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church. Julie said that 14 people have signed, up so far, and requested that anybody, that is intending to come, sign up, so that She and Geoff can provide enough meat.
- i. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB announced that there will be license testing at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church on December 20.
- j. Membership: Jan KM6NFC presented the following numbers; Paying members (individual & primary), 276; all current members incl. family and additional, 336; new members this year, 29 renewals last 30 days, 6; past due (excluding family members), 58; lifetime + Honorary members, 12.
- k. Mesh Committee: Mike W6MEW had nothing to report.
- l. Outreach: No report was expected.
- m. PACIFICON: Julie had no report.
- n. Programs: Michael WB6GJE stated that he is still looking for a speaker for January and added that Mark W6SXA has some presentations that he could present. Mark added that he will choose an appropriate presentation for MDARC. Larry KK6QPE added that we will need a presenter for April since there won't be an auction this coming April.
- o. Public Service: Larry KI6LNB reported that he has received a request for support for the Lake Chabot trail challenge on June 27, 2026.
- p. Radio Lending Library: Cal K6VT had nothing to report.
- q. Rocky Ridge Repeater (Tech): Jim K6SOE reported that there are no issues at present but that he will be making a trip to North Peak to change out some equipment to make operations more efficient.
- r. Scholarship: No report was expected.

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9. Future Meetings:

Holiday Potluck 12/07/2025 at 5 PM at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church

Board Meeting 01/05/2026 on Zoom only.

General Meeting: 01/16/2026 will be a hybrid, in-person and online.

10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 The 2026 Board members are as follows:

Officers

President; Larry Bradley, KK6QPE. Vice President; Mark Cloud, W6SXA Secretary; Brian Lotter, KM6NGS
Treasurer; Barbara Whysong, K6WHY

Director

Emergency Coordinator; Larry Loomer, KI6LNB

Directors-at -Large

Mike Warren, W6MEW Cal Vasquez, K6VT Trevor Hall, WA6JAU Margret Campos, AJ6LP

10.2 2026 Budget: The Budget was discussed in detail and the updated version will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

10.3 Holiday Potluck: This will be held on Sunday, December 7th, 2025; 5:00PM at the Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church 1578 Kirker Pass Road Clayton, CA 94517. Julie WJ8MAH asked for approval to make a \$100 donation. to the church for letting us use their facilities.

Mike W6MEW seconded by Larry KI6LNB proposed a motion to make a \$100 donation to the Church. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.4 Board approval to submit Fictitious Business Name for Pacificon to the County, and to publish it in the newspaper: Barb K6WHY stated that this still needs to be done.

10.5 Summary Log of Motions: Larry KK6QPE asked for an update on this issue. Brian KM6NGS stated that the Log of Motions document is on Google Drive in the same folder as the Board Meeting minutes. He had asked Grant K6CBK to provide Board Members with access to the Document Retention folders. Grant was not present to provide and update.

10.6 Repeater donations: Barbara had no update at this time.

10.7 Renewing Members nametag option: During the November meeting it was decided that we will not supply free or partial charge nametags to renewing members.

10.8 \$3,500 anonymous donation to MDARC: what to use it for, etc.: Last month, Barb K6WHY reported that we have \$1070 left of the amount allocated to license testing and that we still have \$1238.60 which has not been allocated yet. There was no update on these numbers but Barbara reported that we have received a \$1,000.00 anonymous donation to be used for people taking the General and Amateur Extra tests.

10.9 Board Nametags: This is deferred to 2026.

10.10 Add verbiage to MDARC Registration section that indicates that an email address is optional, but without an email address, they will not receive a ballot to elect MDARC Board members and other important information from the Club: This was not discussed.

10.11 Has the webpage been updated?

How can members indicate that they prefer to be anonymous? There was no update on this issue.

10.12 Asset List: Inventory vs Asset? Dollar cutoff amount. STATUS REPORT. This is deferred to 2026.

10.13 Public Service, Sign-in sheet for 2026 in MDARC's Google Drive folder: There was no update on this issue.

11 New Business:

11.1 How do we handle an equipment donation from a club member: After much discussion, Mike W6MEW, seconded by Brian KM6NGS, proposed a motion that acceptance of equipment donations will be at the discretion of the board and no receipts for donations will be issued. The motion was carried unanimously.

12. Good of the order: Barb K6WHY suggested sending new licensees an email with resources that she used to print and hand out. Larry KK6QPE said that it was a good idea.

13. Adjournment:

Barb K6WHY, seconded by Mike W6MEW, proposed a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Lotter KM6NGS Secretary, December 28, 2025.

These meeting minutes were signed digitally due to the digital meeting.

MDARC Board of Directors Meeting January 5, 2026

Held at Zoom online

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Larry Bradley KK6QPE after it was determined that there was a quorum for conducting Club business.

2. Roll Call: Attendees via Zoom screen shots:

Officers: Larry Bradley KK6QPE, President; Mark Cloud W6SXA, Vice President; Brian Lotter KM6NGS, Secretary; Barbara Whysong K6WHY, Treasurer; Larry Loomer KI6LNB, Emergency Coordinator; Mike Warren W6MEW, Director at Large; Trevor Hall WA6JAU, Director at Large; Margaret Campos AJ6LP, Director at Large.

Committee Chairs/Coordinator: Jan Kulisek KM6NFC; Grant Bowman K6CBK

Guests: Mike Patterson N6JGA; John Kearny KM6ZJT; Dave Billeci WA6UHA; Christian N6XTN.

3. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting: Trevor WA6JAU, seconded by Barb K6WHY, proposed a motion to approve the December Board of Directors Meeting minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

4. Adopt Tonight's Agenda: The agenda was adopted since no objections were heard.

5. Officer reports:

a. President Larry Bradley KK6QPE – Had no report.

b. Vice-President Mark Cloud W6SXA – Had no report.

c. Secretary Brian Lotter KM6NGS – Had no report

d. Treasurer Barbara Whysong K6WHY – Barbara presented the following report. [SEE PAGES V-VII]

6. Emergency Coordinator Report: Larry KI6LNB had no report.

7. Directors at large reports:

Mike Warren W6MEW – Had no report.

Trevor Hall WA6JAU – Had no report.

Margaret Campos AJ6LP – Had no report.

Cal Vasquez K6VT – Had no report.

8. Committee Reports:

a. Auction: No report was expected.

b. Communications Trailer: Mike W6MEW had nothing to report.

c. Digital Media: Grant Bowman K6CBK had no report other than that he had done some updates to the website.

f. Education and Training: Larry KK6QPE reported that the Technician course starts tomorrow. He also announced that John K6ZJT has taken over the administration of the licensing courses from Dick Wade WM6G.

g. Election Committee: Not active at this time.

h. Holiday Banquet: Not active at this time.

i. License Testing: Larry KI6LNB announced that there will be license testing, in 8 weeks, after the Technician class and after the General meeting on January 16th.

j. Membership: Jan KM6NFC did not have a complete report but stated that the total membership stands at 350 and that he will have a complete report in a few days.

k. Mesh Committee: Mike W6MEW had nothing to report.

l. Outreach: No report was expected.

m. PACIFICON: Antonis AA6PP had no report.

n. Programs: Mark W6SXA stated that he will be doing the January presentation and asked for input on potential presenters.

o. Public Service: Larry KI6LNB reported that the first event will take place at the end of January and that he has published a list of events in The Carrier.

p. Radio Lending Library: Cal K6VT had nothing to report.

q. Rocky Ridge Repeater (Tech): Trevor WA6JAU reported that there were no problems except for some static on the repeater.

r. Scholarship: No report was expected.

Larry KI6LNB reported that he had published the wrong dates for Field Day in The Carrier. He published June 20 and 21, 2026 and it should have been June 27 and 28, 2026.

9. Future Meetings:

General Meeting: 01/16/2026 will be a hybrid, in-person and online.

Board Meeting 02/02/2026 on Zoom only.

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10. Unfinished Business:

10.1 **2026 Budget:** After much discussion and suggestions for minor changes, Larry KK6QPE said that the Board will review the changes and be able to approve the budget at the February Board Meeting.

10.2 Board approval to submit Fictitious Business Name for Pacificon to the County, and to publish it in the newspaper: Barb has filed the Fictitious Business Name with the County and the Newspapers, where it has to run for four weeks. When she took the paperwork to the Bank, they said that it also has to be in the minutes. For this reason, Barb, seconded by Margaret AJ6LP proposed a motion that the treasurer provide a certified copy of the approved Contra Costa County Fictitious Business Name application, to the Provident Credit Union, so that the name PACIFICON will be added as a Fictitious Business Name on our Bank account so that checks made out to PACIFICON will be deposited in the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio account. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.3 Summary Log of Motions: For some reason, the link to the file did not open the correct document. Grant will provide a clean link to the correct document.

10.4 Repeater donations: Barbara stated that we had \$485 earmarked for repeater donations but that the expenses for the repeaters are far greater than \$485. Since repeater donations are reported every month, it was decided to close this item.

10.5 \$3,500 anonymous donation to MDARC: Barb had no update at this time.

10.6 Board Nametags: After some discussion, Barb, seconded by Mike, proposed a motion that Mike W6MEW orders nametags for the Board members for 2026 and that he is reimbursed for that. The nametags will include First Name, Call Sign and Title. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.7 Add verbiage to MDARC Registration section that indicates that an email address is optional, but without an email address, they will not receive a ballot to elect MDARC Board members and other important information from the Club: This was deferred to a later date.

10.8 Has the webpage been updated?

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10.9 Asset List: Inventory vs Asset? Dollar cutoff amount. STATUS REPORT: This was deferred to a later date.

10.10 Public Service, Sign-in sheet for 2026 in MDARC's Google Drive folder: Larry KK6QPE demonstrated what he found on the MDARC website and suggested that Larry KI6LNB coordinate with Grant K6CBK.

11 New Business:

There was no new business.

12. Good of the order: Mike W6MEW reminded Board Members to send him a message with how they want their first names to read on their nametags.

Margaret AJ6LP mentioned that an Eagle Scout had raised funds to purchase some Ham radio kits for Walnut Creek CERT. They did not wish to manage loans of these kits, so she donated them to Cal K6VT for the MDARC loan program. There was some discussion about what to do with them but no conclusion was reached.

13. Adjournment:

Mike W6MEW, seconded by Barb K6WHY, proposed a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Lotter KM6NGS

Secretary, January 26, 2026.

These meeting minutes were signed digitally due to the digital meeting.

(financial report appears on the following 3 pages)

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Equipment Self-Ins Fund \$68,712.37

ESIF CD 1 (3578) \$23,100.80
(MATURES 03/28/26)

ESIF CD 2 (8529) \$45,611.57
(MATURES 1/24/26)

MDARC Savings \$28,717.47

SAVINGS \$10,007.29

SAVINGS CD 1 (1478) \$18,710.18
(MATURES 02/20/2026)

MDARC Checking \$62,288.38

Total Current Assets \$159,718.22

TOTAL ASSETS **\$159,718.22**

LIABILITIES **\$0.00**

NET ASSETS **\$159,718.22**

Increase/**Decrease** from prev month \$1,538.98

Monthly Report - DECEMBER2025			
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES			
	MDARC	Pacificon	TOTAL
<u>Credits</u>			
Membership	\$684.12		\$684.12
Education	\$13.38		\$13.38
Other	\$1,614.50	\$100.00	\$1,714.50
Repeater Donations	\$35.00		\$35.00
Donations	\$560.00		\$560.00
Carrier	\$0.00		\$0.00
License Testing	\$0.00		\$0.00
Ticket Sales	\$0.00		\$0.00
Interest/Dividends	\$58.58		\$58.58
ESIF Dividends	\$194.85		\$194.85
<u>Total Credits</u>	\$3,160.43	\$100.00	\$3,260.43
<u>Debits</u>			
Operations	\$972.27	\$99.10	\$1,071.37
Test Fees to ARRL/VEC	\$90.00		\$90.00
Refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donation to CVPC	\$100.00		\$100.00
Printing		\$342.31	\$342.31
Van Maintenance	\$117.77		\$117.77
			\$0.00
<u>Total Debits</u>	\$1,280.04	\$441.41	\$1,721.45
Change in Net Assets			\$1,538.98
MDARC INCOME	PACIFICON INCOME	MDARC EXP	PACIFICON EXP
Membership	Payment for youth kits	EIP Monthly Fee	Google workspace
Interest/Dividends		Unwired monthly fee	Constant Contact
Donations		Rodie's	Printing
Education		Test fees to ARRL/VEC	
		Van Maintenance	
		Donation to CVPC	

INCOME/EXPENSE 2025			
	INCOME	EXPENSE	NET
MDARC	\$21,351.07	(\$23,955.59)	(\$2,604.52)
PACIFICON	\$77,801.02	(\$66,899.35)	\$10,901.67
TOTAL	\$99,152.09	(\$90,854.94)	\$8,297.15
CREDIT FEES YTD 2025			
	GROSS	FEES	NET
STRIPE - CONSTANT CONTACT	\$63,053.50	(\$4,156.02)	\$58,897.48
STRIPE - MEMBERSHIP	\$6,393.00	(\$225.29)	\$6,167.71
SQUARE	\$9,589.00	(\$276.44)	\$9,312.56
TOTAL	\$79,035.50	(\$4,657.75)	\$74,377.75